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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Proposed programme of work for the substantive session of 1993

(Geneva, 28 June-30 July 1993)

Week of 28 June-2 July

(High-level segment: 28-30 June)

Monday, 28 June

10 a.m.		Opening of the session
	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda
	Item 2	World Summit for Social Development, including the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development
3 p.m.	Item 2	World Summit for Social Development, including the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development (continued)

Tuesday, 29 June

10 a.m.	Item 3	Policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation with heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system

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Tuesday, 29 June (continued)

3 p.m.	Item 3	Policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation with heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system (concluded)

Wednesday, 30 June

10 a.m.	Item 2	World Summit for Social Development, including the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development (concluded)
3 p.m.	Item 4	Conclusion of the high-level segment

PLENARY

(Coordination segment: 1-6 July)

Thursday, 1 July

10 a.m.	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	Item 2	Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following theme: (a) Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development Précis presentations by executive heads
3 p.m.	Item 2 (a)	General discussion (continued)
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 2 (a)

Friday, 2 July

10 a.m.	Item 2 (a)	General discussion (continued)
3 p.m.	Item 2 (a)	General discussion (concluded)

Week of 5-9 July

Monday, 5 July

10 a.m.	Item 2 (b)	Coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera Précis presentations by executive heads
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 2 (b)
3 p.m.	Item 2 (b)	General discussion (continued)

Tuesday, 6 July

10 a.m.	Item 2 (b)	General discussion (continued)
3 p.m.	Item 2 (b)	General discussion (concluded)

(Operational activities segment: 7-9 July)

Wednesday, 7 July

10 a.m.	Item 3	Operational activities for development Introduction and general discussion
3 p.m.	Item 3	General discussion (continued)

Thursday, 8 July

10 a.m.	Item 3	General discussion (continued)
3 p.m.	Item 3	General discussion (continued)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 2 (a) and (b)
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 3

Friday, 9 July

10 a.m.	Item 3	General discussion (continued)
3 p.m.	Item 3	General discussion (concluded) Introduction of draft proposals under item 2 (a) and (b)
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 12

Week of 12-16 July

Monday, 12 July

10 a.m.	Item 12	Statistical and cartographic questions: (a) Statistics (b) Cartography Introduction and general discussion

Tuesday, 13 July		
10 a.m.	Item 12	General discussion (concluded)
3 p.m.	Item 4	Coordination questions:* (a) Reports of the coordination bodies; (c) International cooperation in the field of informatics; (d) Question of a United Nations Year for Tolerance; (e) Multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health Introduction and general discussion
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 4 (a) (b) (c) (e)
Wednesday, 14 July		
3 p.m.	Item 4 (a) (c) (d) (e)	General discussion (concluded)
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 10
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 3
Thursday, 15 July		
10 a.m.	Item 10	Non-governmental organizations
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 5

* Under this item, the Council will also consider those questions which fall under the general heading of item 4.

Friday, 16 July		
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 11
3 p.m.	Item 5	Programme and related questions: (a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 (b) Calendar of conferences
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 12
Week of 19-23 July		
Monday, 19 July		
10 a.m.	Item 11	United Nations University
3 p.m.	Item 9	Sustainable development Introduction and general discussion
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 9
Tuesday, 20 July		
10 a.m.	Item 9	General discussion (continued)
3 p.m.	Item 9	General discussion (concluded)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 4 (a) (c) (d) (e)
Wednesday, 21 July		
10 a.m.	Item 6	Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance: (a) Special programmes of economic assistance (b) Humanitarian assistance Introduction and general discussion
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 6
3 p.m.	Item 6	General discussion (concluded)
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 7
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 10

Thursday, 22 July		
10 a.m.	Item 8	Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 4 (b)
1 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 5 (a) and (b)
3 p.m.	Item 7	International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction
Friday, 23 July		
10 a.m.	Item 4	Coordination questions: (b) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations
		General discussion (concluded)
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 13
3 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 11
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 9
Week of 26-30 July		
Monday, 26 July		
10 a.m.	Item 13	Report of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees
3 p.m.		Informal consultations on plenary items
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 6, 7 and 8

Tuesday, 27 July	
10 a.m.	Introduction of draft proposals
	Informal consultations on plenary items
1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 4 (b) and 13
Wednesday, 28 July	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Informal consultations on plenary items
Thursday, 29 July	
10 a.m.	Consideration of the reports of the sessional Committees
3 p.m.	Action on draft proposals on plenary items
Friday, 30 July	
10 a.m.	Action on all outstanding draft proposals on plenary items
	Consideration of the reports of the sessional Committees
3 p.m.	Consideration of remaining reports of the sessional Committees
	Conclusion of the work of the substantive session of 1993

ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Week of 12-16 July

Monday, 12 July

10 a.m.		Election of officers
		Organization of work
	Item 14	Regional cooperation
		Introduction and general discussion
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 14
3 p.m.	Item 14	Regional cooperation (concluded)

Tuesday, 13 July

10 a.m.	Item 15	Development and international economic cooperation: (a) Trade and development (b) Food and agricultural development (c) Science and technology for development (e) Natural resources
		Introduction and general discussion
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 15 (a) (b) (c) (e)
3 p.m.	Item 15 (a) (b) (c) (e)	General discussion (concluded)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 14

Wednesday, 14 July

10 a.m.		Introduction of draft proposals submitted under item 14
	Item 15	Development and international economic cooperation: (f) Population questions (g) Human settlements (h) Environment (i) Desertification and drought
		Introduction and general discussion

Wednesday, 14 July (continued)

1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 15 (f) (g) (h) (i)
3 p.m.		General discussion on item 15 (f) (g) (h) (i) (concluded)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 15 (a) (b) (c) (e)

Thursday, 15 July

10 a.m.		Introduction of draft proposals submitted under item 15 (a) (b) (c) (e)
	Item 15	Development and international economic cooperation*
		Consideration of the World Economic Survey, 1993
	Item 15	Development and international economic cooperation:* (d) Transnational corporations (j) Transport of dangerous goods (l) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries
		Introduction and general discussion
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 15* and (d) (j) (l)
3 p.m.		General discussion of item 15* and (d) (j) (l) (concluded)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 15 (f) (g) (h) (i)

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* Under this item, the Council will also consider those questions which fall under the general heading of item 15.

Friday, 16 July

10 a.m.		Introduction of draft proposals submitted under item 15 (f) (g) (h) (i)
	Item 15	Development and international economic cooperation: (k) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development (m) Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)
	Item 16	Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories
		Introduction and general discussion
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 15 (k) (m) and item 16
3 p.m.		General discussion on item 15 (k) (m) and item 16 (concluded)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 15* and (d) (j) (l)

Week of 19-23 July

Monday, 19 July

10 a.m.	Introduction of draft proposals submitted under item 15* and (d) (j) (l)
	Informal consultations
3 p.m.	Informal consultations
6 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 15 (k) (m) and item 16

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Tuesday, 20 July		
10 a.m.		Introduction of draft proposals submitted under item 15 (k) (m) and item 16
		Informal consultations
3 p.m.		Informal consultations
Wednesday, 21 July		
10 a.m.		Informal consultations
3 p.m.		Informal consultations
Thursday, 22 July		
10 a.m.	Item 14	Action on draft proposals
	Item 15	Action on draft proposals
		Informal consultations
3 p.m.	Item 15	Action on draft proposals (continued)
	Item 16	Action on draft proposals
		Informal consultations
Friday, 23 July		
10 a.m.		Action on all outstanding draft proposals
3 p.m.		Conclusion of the work of the Economic Committee

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Week of 5-9 July

Wednesday, 7 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		Election of officers
		Organization of work
	Item 17	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
		Introduction and general discussion
	Item 19	Advancement of women
		Introduction and general discussion
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 17
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 17

Thursday, 8 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 17	General discussion (concluded)
		Action on draft proposals submitted under item 17
	Item 19	General discussion (continued)

Friday, 9 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 19	General discussion (continued)
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 19
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 19
	Item 20	Social development
		Introduction and general discussion

Week of 12-16 July

Monday, 12 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 19	General discussion (concluded)
		Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-seventh session
		Action on draft proposals submitted under item 19
	Item 20	General discussion (continued)

Tuesday, 13 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 20	General discussion (continued)
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 20
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 20
	Item 21	Narcotic drugs
		Introduction and general discussion

Wednesday, 14 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 20	General discussion (concluded)
		Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session and in the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its second session
		Action on draft proposals submitted under item 20
	Item 21	General discussion (continued)

Thursday, 15 July		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 21	General discussion (continued)
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 21
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 21
	Item 18	Human rights questions
		Introduction and general discussion
Friday, 16 July		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 21	General discussion (concluded)
		Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-sixth session
		Action on draft proposals submitted under item 21
	Item 18	General discussion (continued)
Week of 19-23 July		
Monday, 19 July		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 18	General discussion (continued)
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 18
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 18
Tuesday, 20 July		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 18	General discussion (continued)
Wednesday, 21 July		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 18	General discussion (continued)
		Action on draft proposals submitted under item 18

Thursday, 22 July

10 a.m and 3 p.m.	Item 18	General discussion (concluded) Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-ninth session Conclusion of the work of the Social Committee

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The proposed programme of work for the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council of 1993 is based this year on the recommendations addressed to the Secretary-General in the annex to General Assembly resolutions 45/264 of 13 May 1991 and 46/235 of 13 April 1992 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and on Council decision 1992/217 of 30 April 1992. Other relevant resolutions and decisions of the Council have also been taken into account.*

The substantive session of the Council of 1993 will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 28 June to 30 July.

A. Plenary meetings

The session will open at 10 o'clock on Monday, 28 June.

In addition to the items allocated for consideration in plenary meetings, the Council will also hold in plenary meeting, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/264, a high-level segment (28-30 June), a coordination segment (1-6 July) and an operational activities segment (7-9 July). A brief description of those segments is given below.

High-level segment (plenary) 28-30 June

The high-level segment, open to all Member States with ministerial participation, will be devoted to the consideration of the theme entitled "World Summit for Social Development, including the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development".

A one-day policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation will take place during this segment on 29 June. In this context, heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system are invited to participate actively in this dialogue and discuss matters of mutual interest with a view to building areas of understanding.

During the three-day period, heads of delegations will be requested to make no more than three interventions of no longer than five minutes each and will be requested to circulate their main statements beforehand. A press conference or briefing session with the media will be organized for heads of delegation who so desire it.

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* See also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/77 of 29 July 1988 and 1989/114 of 28 July 1989.

Throughout the segment, the President of the Council is expected to take a leading role in stimulating interaction among the participants, summarizing the discussions as they progress and initiating the successive stages of the dialogue.

The main features of the deliberations of the high-level segment will be presented to the Council in the form of a summary by the President of the Council.

It is proposed that the list of speakers for the high-level segment be closed on 29 June at 1 p.m.

Coordination segment (plenary) 1-6 July

The coordination segment will be devoted to the coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system relating to the achievement of the economic and social objectives of the United Nations. Two themes were selected for this session by the Council in its decision 1993/205:

(a) Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development;

(b) Coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera.

Executive heads of specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system invited to take part in the discussion will be requested to have their statements circulated beforehand.

The segment will begin with précis presentations of the statements of the executive heads most concerned with the subject-matter. They will be encouraged to identify coordination problems in the course of their interventions, including problems created by a lack of adequate coordination within Governments at the national level.

Without prejudice to the rights of all States to participate in the discussion, the regional and interest groups represented at the Council will be encouraged to select from among their number "discussion leaders" to undertake the necessary research work on the themes under discussion.

In its decision 1993/205 the Council also decided that the coordination segment would reach agreed conclusions containing specific recommendations on matters related to coordination addressed to the various parts of the United Nations system for implementation.

Operational activities segment (plenary) 7-9 July

The segment on operational activities of the United Nations system will focus, in particular, on the follow-up of policy recommendations and decisions of the General Assembly and coordination of operational activities on a

system-wide basis, taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/77.

B. Economic and Social Committees

The General Assembly decided that consideration of specific economic, social and related issues, including their programme implications, would be considered in two separate committees, meeting simultaneously to consider and take decisions on reports of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council and other relevant reports.

The meetings of the Economic Committee will convene after the operational activities segment, on 12 July.

The work of the Social Committee will begin immediately after the completion of the coordination segment, on 7 July.

The reports before these committees will be arranged in clusters, as appropriate, for consideration; discussions are to be decision-oriented, focusing on specific recommendations and issues, and are not to involve a general debate. The committees will also review and monitor the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly in the economic, social and related fields.

The executive secretaries of the regional commissions will address the Economic Committee under item 14. In this connection, attention is drawn to the fact that the morning of Monday, 12 July, has been allocated for the statements of the executive secretaries. Considering that, as in previous years, delegations will have an opportunity to have an informal exchange of views with the executive secretaries, members may wish to take note of that date.

At its organizational session for 1993, the Council, in connection with the questions for consideration at its substantive session, inter alia, decided:

(a) To consider at its substantive session of 1993 the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-ninth session and to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session the report of the Board on the first part of its fortieth session;

(b) Subject to the outcome of discussions to be held at the resumed forty-seventh session of the General Assembly and in accordance with Assembly resolutions 47/150 of 18 December 1992 and 39/217 of 18 December 1984, to undertake, at its substantive session of 1993, an in-depth review of the report of the World Food Council on the work of its nineteenth session and to submit recommendations thereon to the Assembly for consideration and action;

(c) When reviewing at its substantive session of 1993 the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its fourteenth session and the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventeenth session, it would not consider new draft proposals, except for specific recommendations contained in those reports that required action by the Council

and proposals on matters relating to the coordination aspects of the work of those bodies;

(d) To postpone consideration of the biennial progress report on the World Decade for Cultural Development requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/187 of 8 December 1986, and to combine that report with the global mid-term review of the Decade requested by the Assembly in its resolution 46/157 of 19 December 1991, which would be undertaken by the Council at its substantive session of 1994 and the Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

Availability of conference services

The attention of the Council is drawn to the following conference-servicing aspects of the substantive session:

(a) During the first week of the session (28 June-1 July), interpretation facilities will be provided for the plenary meetings. For the high-level segment (28-30 June) and for the coordination segment (1-6 July), interpretation facilities will be provided for the plenary meetings only. From 7-9 July, interpretation facilities will be provided for concurrent meetings of the plenary for the discussion on operational activities and for the Social Committee. For the weeks of 12-16 July and 19-23 July, interpretation facilities will be available for concurrent meetings of the plenary and the two committees;

(b) There is no provision for conference services for night meetings during the session;

(c) Beyond the conference services allocated to the Council (see subparagraph (a) above), no additional services will be available for informal consultations or for regional or group meetings. In the event of scheduled meetings being cancelled, it is anticipated that those services could be made available for such consultations;

(d) Unless otherwise specified, all meetings will begin punctually at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Summary records and statements in explanation of vote

In its decision 1992/288, the Council decided to discontinue, from 1993, summary records for its sessional committees. Delegations wishing their statements in explanation of vote to be reflected in the summary records of the Council should make such statements in plenary meetings, at the time the reports of the sessional committees are considered, without prejudice to any other statements that they may wish to make in the committees. In this connection, observers wishing to make statements on the recommendations contained in the reports of the sessional committees are requested to do so before statements in explanation of vote are made by members of the Council.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply

It is suggested that, bearing in mind the provisions of rule 46 of the Council's rules of procedure, the Council continue its practice concerning

statements in exercise of the right of reply, namely, that delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item, that the number of interventions by any delegation at a given meeting should be limited to two per item, and that the first intervention be limited to five minutes and the second intervention be limited to three minutes.

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Status of documentation for the session

Note by the Secretariat

1. This note provides information on the status of the pre-session documents for the substantive session as at 25 May 1993 and is submitted to the Council for its information.

2. The documentation for that session should have been submitted to the Economic and Social Council Affairs and Inter-Agency Coordination Division by 12 April, in order to allow adequate time for policy and other clearances, editing, translation and reproduction, and circulated by 17 May. Explanations for any delays will be provided by the responsible offices at the substantive session of the Council.

3. In accordance with paragraph 10 of Council resolution 1989/114, the Bureau of the Council should review the status of the preparation of the documentation for the substantive session and hold consultations with members of the Council on the matter.

Annex

STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION AS AT 25 MAY 1993

Item	Title or description of document	Submitting department or office	Date of submission to the Economic and Social Council Affairs and Inter-Agency Coordination Division a/	Date of submission to the Office of Conference Services	Actual or projected date of issue b/
	High-level segment				
1.	Adoption of the agenda				
	Annotated provisional agenda (E/1993/100)	DPCSD/EAICD		13 May	1 June
	Proposed programme of work (E/1993/L.21)	DPCSD/EAICD			
2.	World Summit for Social Development, including the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development				
	Report of the Secretary-General (E/1993/)	DPCSD/EAICD			
3.	Policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation with heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system				
	World Economic Survey, 1993 (E/1993/60)	(see item 15 below)			
4.	Conclusion of the high-level segment				
	(no pre-session documentation)				

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	Other segments				
1.	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters				
	(see item 1 above)				
	Coordination segment				
2.	Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:				
	(a) Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development				
	Report of the Secretary-General (E/1993/)	DHA			
	(b) Coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera				
	Report of the Secretary-General (E/1993/68)	WHO	24 May		

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	Operational activities segment				
3.	Operational activities for development				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the operational activities of the United Nations system (E/1993/)	DPCSD			
	Addendum to the report of the Secretary-General (E/1993/ /Add.1)	DPCSD			
	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (E/1993/35, Supp. No. 15) c/	UNDP			
	Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries on its eighth session (A/48/39, Supp. No. 39) c/	UNDP			
	Report of the Committee on Food Aid Polices and Programmes (E/1993/) d/	WFP			
	Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/1993/34, Supp. No. 14) c/	UNICEF			
	Report of the Administrator of UNDP on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (E/1993/72)	UNDP	25 May		

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4.	Coordination questions				
	United Nations common system				
	Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/1993/)	JIU			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations common system (E/1993/66)	DPCSD/EAICD	24 May		
	Progress report of the International Civil Service Commission (E/1993/)	ICSC			
	Promotion of press freedom in the world				
	Note by the Secretary-General on promotion of press freedom in the world (E/1993/58)				Issued
	(a) Reports of the coordination bodies				
	Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the first part of its thirty-third session (A/48/16, part I)	AM	21 May		
	Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (E/1993/)	DPCSD/EAICD			
	Report of ACC on programmes and resources of the United Nations system for the biennium 1992-1993 (E/1993/)	AM			

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(b)	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/48/)	DPA			
	Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid (E/1993/)	DPA			
	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (A/48/ -E/1993/)	Habitat			

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(c)	International cooperation in the field of informatics				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up action taken on Council resolution 1992/60 (E/1993/)	AH			
(d)	Question of a United Nations year for tolerance				
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the observance of the United Nations year for tolerance (A/48/ -E/1993/)	UNESCO			
(e)	Multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health				
	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization (E/1993/56)	WHO	29 April	11 May	7 June

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	Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit brought to the attention of the Council				
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Towards an integrated library network of the United Nations system" and the comments of the Secretary-General and of ACC thereon (A/47/669 and A/48/83 and Add.1)				Issued
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations system cooperation with multilateral financial institutions: performance and innovation challenges", parts I and II, and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon (E/1993/18 and Add.1 and 2)				Issued
5.	Programme and related questions				
	Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social, and related fields for 1994 and 1995 (E/1993/L.20/Rev.1)	DPCSD/EAICD			
	Letter dated 18 December 1992 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1993/11)				Issued
	Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the President of the Council (E/1993/)	OGS			

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	Note by the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 (E/1993/67)	AM	24 May	24 May	4 June
6.	Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance				
	(a) Special programmes of economic assistance				
	(no pre-session documentation)				
	(b) Humanitarian assistance				
	Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/48/168-E/1993/62)		14 May	14 May	10 June
7.	International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (A/48/ -E/1993/)	DHA			
8.	Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster				
	(no pre-session documentation)				

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9.	Sustainable development				
	Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its organizational session (E/1993/25)	DPCSD/EAICD			Issued
	Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its first session (E/1993/25/Add.1)	DPCSD/EAICD			
10.	Non-governmental organizations				
	Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (E/1993/63)	DPCSD/EAICD	21 May		
11.	United Nations University				
	Report of the Council of the United Nations University (E/1993/40)	UNU	5 April	28 April	4 June
12.	Statistical and cartographic questions				
	(a) Statistics				
	Report of the Statistical Commission on its twenty-seventh session (E/1993/26, Supp. No. 6)	DPCSD/EAICD	12 March	26 April	7 June
	(b) Cartography				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (E/1993/21)		24 March	5 May	4 June

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	Report of the Secretary-General on the Fifth United Nations Cartographic Conference for the Americas (E/1993/39)		24 March	5 May	2 June
13.	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees				
	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (E/1993/20) d/	UNHCR			
14.	Regional cooperation				
	Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/1993/)	RC			
	Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1992 (E/1993/46)	ECLAC	8 April	13 May	4 June
	Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1992 (E/1993/52)	ESCAP	21 April	13 May	7 June
	Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1991-1992 (E/1993/53)	ECA	26 April	18 May	9 June
	Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 1991-1992 (E/1993/54)	ECE	27 April		
	Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 1992 (E/1993/48)	ESCWA	13 April	7 May	7 June

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	Note by the Secretary-General on a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (E/1993/)	ECE			
15.	Development and international economic cooperation				
	World Economic Survey, 1993 (E/1993/60)	DESIPA			
	(a) Trade and development				
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-ninth session (TD/B/39 (2)/23) c/				
	(b) Food and agricultural development				
	Report of the World Food Council on its nineteenth session (A/48/19, Supp. No. 19) c/	WFC			
	(c) Science and technology for development				
	Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its first session (E/1993/31, Supp. No. 11)	DPCSD/EAICD	10 May		
	(d) Transnational corporations				
	Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session (E/1993/30, Supp. No. 10)	DPCSD/EAICD			

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	(e) Natural resources				
	Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its first session (E/1993/28, Supp. No. 28)	DPCSD/EAICD	12 April		
	(f) Population questions				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the preparatory activities for the International Conference on Population and Development (E/1993/49)				Issued
	Relevant parts of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Population Fund	(see item 3 above)			
	Report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development (E/1993/69)	DPCSD/EAICD	25 May		
	(g) Human settlements				
	Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its fourteenth session, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (A/43/8, Supp. No. 8)	Habitat	18 May		

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	Note by the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory (E/1993/64)	Habitat	21 May		
(h)	Environment				
	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventeenth session (A/48/25, Supp. No. 25)	UNEP			
(i)	Desertification and drought				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolutions on the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, including the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (A/48/ -E/1993/)	UNEP/UNDP			
	Report of the Secretary-General on combating aridity, soil erosion, waterlogging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia (E/1993/55)	UNEP	28 April		

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(j)	Transport of dangerous goods				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its seventeenth session (E/1993/57)	ECE	29 April	25 May	8 June
(k)	Effective mobilization and integration of women in development				
	Note by the Secretary-General (E/1993/)	DPCSD			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the preliminary version of the update of the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (A/48/70-E/1993/16)				Issued
	Relevant section of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-seventh session (E/1993/27, Supp. No. 7)	(see item 19 below)			
(l)	Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries				
	Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries on its eighth session (A/48/39, Supp. No. 39)	(see item 3 above)			

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	(m) Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)				
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) (A/48/159-E/1993/59)	WHO	3 May	11 May	7 June
16.	Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1992/57 and General Assembly resolution 47/172 (A/48/ -E/1993/)	ESCWA			
17.	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination				
	Report of the Secretary-General (E/1993/71)	HR	25 May		

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18.	Human rights questions				
	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the general comments of the Human Rights Committee on its forty-seventh session (E/1993/)	HR			
	Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its seventh session (E/1993/22, Supp. No. 2) d/	HR			
	Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-ninth session (E/1993/23, Supp. No. 3) d/	HR			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the suppression of the traffic in persons (E/1993/61)	HR	10 May	24 May	11 June
	Report of the Secretary-General on infringements of trade union rights in South Africa (E/1993/)	ILO			
19.	Advancement of Women				
	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its twelfth session (A/48/38, Supp. No. 38)	UNOV			
	Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on the work of its thirty-seventh session (E/1993/27, Supp. No. 7)	DPCSD/EAICD	10 May		

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	Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its thirteenth session (E/1993/44)	INSTRAW	7 April	23 April	2 June
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/78 on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (E/1993/)	DPCSD/EAICD			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the system-wide coordination of activities to advance the status of women and to integrate women in development (E/1993/51)				Issued
	Proposed system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001 (E/1993/43)				Issued
20.	Social development				
	Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (E/1993/50/Rev.1)			2 April	14 June
	Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session (E/1993/24, Supp. No. 4)	DPCSD/EAICD	24 March	28 April	1 June
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the social development goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (E/1993/5)				Issued

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	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation and follow-up action to the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (A/48/56-E/1993/6)				Issued
	Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its second session (E/1993/32, Supp. No. 12)	DPCSD/EAICD	17 May		
	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/22 (E/1993/10)				Issued
21.	Narcotic drugs				
	Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-sixth session, including the comments of the Commission on the report of the Secretary-General on the status of international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic and psychotropic substances (E/1993/29, Supp. No. 9) c/	UNIDCP			
	Update of the System-Wide Action Plan by the Administrative Committee on Coordination (A/48/178-E/1993/70)	UNIDCP			

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	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme on the administrative arrangements of the International Narcotics Control Board (E/1993/)	UNIDCP			
	Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1992 (E/1993/45)	UNIDCP	8 April	20 April	2 June

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ABBREVIATIONS

ACC	Administrative Committee on Coordination
AM	Department of Administration and Management
CPC	Committee for Programme and Coordination
DESIPA	Department of Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis
DHA	Department of Humanitarian Affairs
DPA	Department of Political Affairs
DPCSD	Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development
DPCSD/EAICD	Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development/Economic and Social Council Affairs and Inter-Agency Coordination Division
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Habitat	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements
HR	Centre for Human Rights of the United Nations Office at Geneva
ICSC	International Civil Service Commission
ILO	International Labour Organisation
INSTRAW	International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
JIU	Joint Inspection Unit
OCS	Office of Conference Services
RC	Regional Commissions New York Office
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme

UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDCP	United Nations International Drug Control Programme
UNOV	United Nations Office at Vienna
UNU	United Nations University
WFC	World Food Council
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization

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DRAFT DECISIONS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

DRAFT DECISION I

Extraordinary additional session for the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Economic and Social Council, noting the backlog of States parties' reports awaiting consideration by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and being aware that such a situation seriously undermines the effectiveness and threatens the credibility of the system for monitoring the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, authorizes, on an exceptional basis, the holding of an extraordinary additional session, of three weeks duration, of the Committee in the first half of 1994. Additionally, the Council authorizes a special three-day meeting of the Committee's pre-sessional working group, to be held immediately following the conclusion of the Committee's ninth session, in order to prepare for the consideration of States parties' reports during the extraordinary additional session of the Committee.

DRAFT DECISION II

Payment of honoraria to members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Economic and Social Council, noting that recent measures approved by the General Assembly will result in a situation in which the members of five out of the six United Nations treaty bodies composed of independent experts are entitled to receive an honorarium for their services, and recognizing that it is inequitable for a single committee to be treated differently in this respect, decides to authorize payment to each member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of an honorarium equivalent to that payable to the members of other relevant treaty bodies.

DRAFT DECISION III

Resources to enable the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to involve experts in its general discussion

The Economic and Social Council, noting the importance of the day of general discussion organized by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at each of its sessions, the purposes of which include developing a deeper appreciation of the standards contained in the Covenant, consulting experts in the field, involving the general public, and providing the foundations for the drafting of general comments, approves the allocation of a sum of $10,000 to enable the Committee at each of its sessions to cover the travel and accommodation costs of experts who would otherwise be unable to contribute to the general discussion.

REVIEW OF WORKING METHODS: DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS AT ITS EIGHTH SESSION

Adoption of concluding observations

1. The Committee agreed that its concluding observations on each specific country report would be drafted by a designated country rapporteur, on the basis of drafting assistance provided by the Secretariat. It also agreed that its discussion of the draft should be considered and adopted in closed session. On a grammatical matter, the Committee decided that its concluding observations should be drafted in the present tense.

Additional session in 1994

2. The Committee agreed to request the Economic and Social Council to approve the scheduling of an additional session of the Committee to be held in May 1994 in order to enable the Committee to deal with the backlog of reports and other matters awaiting its consideration, as well as a three-day meeting of a working group to be held in December 1993 immediately after the conclusion of the Committee's ninth session, in order to prepare for the consideration of States parties' reports during the Committee's additional session in 1994. For this purpose a draft decision, for adoption by the Economic and Social Council, was prepared. The Committee requested that each of its draft decisions be reproduced in a separate document to be issued as rapidly as possible and brought to the attention of the Council at its session in July 1993.

Day of general discussion at ninth session

3. The Committee reaffirmed that the day of general discussion on an issue of particular importance to the implementation of the Covenant has been successful in serving the range of purposes for which it is intended. It was noted, however, that the inability to invite the participation of any experts who could not afford to pay for their own expenses greatly reduced the Committee's possibility to draw upon the expertise that would most help it to accomplish its objectives effectively. It therefore decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that the sum of $10,000 be made available to the Committee at each session to enable it to pay the travel and accommodation of experts who are invited by the Committee to contribute to its day of general discussion. A draft decision for adoption by the Economic and Social Council was adopted by the Committee for this purpose.

4. The Committee decided that, at its ninth session, the day of general discussion would be held on Monday, 6 December. It would focus on the right to health with particular emphasis, in that context, on the implications of the principle of non-discrimination and of the concept that there is a minimum core content of each right which constitutes a "floor" below which the conditions should not be permitted to fall in any State party.

5. It was also agreed that the pre-sessional working group, to be held from 28 June to 2 July 1993, would be responsible for drawing up a list of the principal issues that could be addressed during the general discussion and for identifying and inviting participants who could best contribute to the Committee's discussion.

Amendment to the Rules of Procedure

6. The Committee decided to amend its Rules of Procedure to replace the word "Chairman" wherever it occurs with the gender-neutral word "Chairperson". The latter designation will henceforth be used in the relevant parts of the Committee's annual reports.

Amended procedure in the event of the inability of a State party to present its report as scheduled

7. The Committee held several discussions of the problems caused by its receipt of last-minute notifications by States parties which had been scheduled to present their reports that they would not be able to do so until a future session. It was noted that this matter had caused the Committee considerable difficulties in the past and had led it to adopt decisions at its fifth and seventh sessions in the hope of discouraging such practices. It noted with considerable regret, however, that these measures had not proven to be effective. In particular, it was confronted at its eighth session by a situation in which all of the States scheduled to present reports during the first week of the session had sought a deferral on the basis of extremely short notice. In total, five States parties had indicated at the last moment that they would not be able to proceed, as scheduled, with the presentation of their reports to the Committee at its eighth session.

8. Among the consequences of this situation were that the Committee had to suspend its session for three days because it had not received adequate notice that would have enabled it to make use of the time available in some other way. In addition, the lists of questions prepared by the Committee's working group will need to be revised and updated to take account of changing circumstances, member's preparation for the reports of the country in question was partly in vain, the secretariat and conference services provided to the Committee were significantly underutilized, other reports awaiting the Committee's consideration at its next session were further delayed until the following session, and efforts by domestic and international non-governmental organizations as well as by the press and any other interested groups to follow the discussion of the reports in question were completely frustrated.

9. In order to avoid such disruption of its ability to function smoothly and effectively in the future, the Committee decided to amend its Rules of Procedure to provide that:

> Once a State party has agreed to the scheduling of its report for consideration by the Committee, the Committee will proceed with the examination of that report at the time scheduled, even in the absence of a representative of the State party.

10. For this purpose it was agreed that, once the Committee has taken a decision on the scheduling of a particular report, the Secretariat shall notify the State party concerned that, in the absence of advice to the contrary received within six weeks of the date on which the communication is sent, it will be assumed that the State party agrees to the presentation of the report at the time scheduled.

Honoraria for Committee members

11. The Committee noted that members of the Human Rights Committee had, since 1981, received an annual honorarium of $3,000 and that the members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on the Rights of the Child also receive the same honoraria. Moreover, since the General Assembly has recently approved the payment of such honoraria to the members of the Committee against Torture and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights will soon be the only treaty body whose members do not receive such honoraria. In view of the significant and increasing workload involved in membership of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and of the need for equitable treatment, the Committee decided to request the Economic and Social Council to authorize the payment of an honorarium for each member of the Committee at the same level as that received by the members of the other treaty bodies.

General comments

12. Two draft general comments were submitted to the Committee for its consideration during its eighth session. Because of lack of time to consider them the Committee agreed to begin discussion of the drafts at its ninth session. The drafts deal with: equality and non-discrimination (articles 2 (2) and 3 of the Covenant); and persons with disabilities.

Re-scheduling of session

13. The Committee agreed unanimously to request the Committee on Conferences to re-schedule the annual session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights from its current time of November-December to the month of May each year. The Committee noted that the present timing was extremely inconvenient for many members, that very few observers were able to be present at that time, and that the change in the Council's own schedule made it possible for the Committee to be re-scheduled. The Committee therefore requests in the strongest possible terms that everything be done in order to ensure that its session can be re-scheduled as proposed, and that appropriate arrangements be made in relation to the scheduling of the pre-sessional working group.

Secretariat servicing

14. The Committee discussed on a number of occasions at its eighth session its need to receive very significantly greater assistance of a substantive nature from the secretariat. In particular, the Committee is unable to function in a truly effective manner, or to do justice to the efforts made by States parties, in the absence of a careful analysis of all available sources of information relating to the situation in the reporting State. The Committee therefore requests that a detailed analysis be prepared by the Secretariat for each country and that the analysis be available to the pre-sessional working group.

15. In the medium term it is clear that the relevant part of the secretariat needs not only to be strengthened but also restructured in order to ensure that competent researchers are available to assist the Committee members in their endeavours. Given that other treaty bodies have expressed similar needs, it would seem appropriate for the secretariat to begin consideration of a

restructuring which, in time, would permit very significant economies of scale as well as careful coordination of the work undertaken for each committee. The Committee also recommends that the Centre for Human Rights explore the possibility of linking up in some appropriate way with the UNHCR Centre for Documentation on Refugees. In addition, the Committee noted with great satisfaction the efforts being made by the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights to establish a Documentation Unit within the Centre.

NGO participation in the activities of the Committee

16. The Committee adopted the following procedure in relation to this matter:

"A. Written information

1. The Committee reiterates its long-standing invitation to NGOs to submit to it in writing, at any time, information regarding any aspect of its work.

B. Oral information

2. In addition to the receipt of written information, a short period of time will be made available at the beginning of each session of the pre-sessional working group to provide NGOs with an opportunity to submit relevant oral information to the members of the working group.

3. Furthermore, the Committee will set aside part of the first afternoon at each of its sessions to enable it to receive oral information provided by NGOs. Such information should: (a) focus specifically on the provisions of the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; (b) be of direct relevance to matters under consideration by the Committee; (c) be reliable, and (d) not be abusive. The relevant meeting will be open and will be provided with interpretation services, but will not be covered by summary records. The purposes are: to enable the Committee to inform itself as fully as possible; to probe the accuracy and pertinence of information which would most probably be available to it anyway; and to put the process of receiving NGO information on a more transparent and open basis than is permitted by the current approach.

4. NGOs wishing to present oral information should inform the Committee in advance. In cases in which the Committee receives more expressions of interest than can be dealt with in the limited time available, the Chairperson of the Committee, in consultation with the Bureau, shall determine on an objective basis which NGOs will be invited to make an oral presentation.

5. To the extent that information provided to the Committee in writing under these procedures is referred to by any member of the Committee in questions posed to the State party, the relevant information should be available for consultation by the Government concerned and all other interested parties.

6. The Committee requests its Chairperson, in conjunction with the secretariat, to make these procedures as widely known as possible."

The Committee agreed that this procedure would be reflected accordingly and in those terms in its Rules of Procedure.

Annual report

17. The Committee decided that it would no longer require the preparation of summaries of the consideration of country reports to be prepared for inclusion in its annual report. It agreed to consider at its next session alternative ways of ensuring that the relevant summary records and other documentation pertaining to the consideration of States parties reports be made widely and readily available to all interested parties, particularly in the country concerned.

18. The Committee requested that the concluding observations relating to each State party should be issued in a separate document to be available at the earliest possible moment after its adoption by the Committee. The concluding observations should be forwarded to the State party concerned immediately upon adoption.

Review of implementation in non-reporting States

19. The Committee decided to consider at its tenth session the situation in relation to four States parties which have not submitted an initial report since becoming a party to the Covenant, in each case before 1980: Mali, Mauritius, Guinea and Gambia.

World Summit for Social Development

20. The Committee took note of the decision of the General Assembly in its resolution 47/92, to convene a World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen in 1995. The Committee welcomed this initiative very warmly and expressed the hope that full account would be taken, throughout the process of preparing for the Summit, of the fundamental importance of the provisions contained in the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The Committee expressed the hope that it would be invited to send a representative to participate not only at the Summit itself, but also in the preparatory meetings leading up to the Summit.

21. The Committee noted with deep appreciation the endeavours of Mrs. Jimenez Butragueño in relation to the day of general discussion on the rights of the ageing and elderly in relation to the rights recognized in the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The Committee agreed that it would welcome the submission of a draft general comment on this issue by Mrs. Jimenez and that it would also welcome her further suggestions relating to issues that should be addressed by the Committee in its future examination of States parties' reports.